

MINORITY HOLDERS MAY RESIST PROPOSED STEAMSHIP MERGER

KICKING OVER THE CONTEMPLATED AMALGAMATION OF INTERESTS—UNITED STATES COURTS MAY BE APPEALED TO TO PREVENT DEAL PROVIDED MINORITY HOLDERS ARE NOT SATISFIED—NEW DIRECTORATE FOR WILDER COMPANY.

There is a possibility that the Federal laws governing the merger of interests may be sought in the Wilder-Inter-Island steamer deal that is now pending. A special meeting of the stockholders of the Wilder S. S. Company was held this morning for the purpose of electing a new directorate, the old members having resigned. The following were elected on the new board: President, W. O. Smith; vice-president, W. M. Giffard; secretary and treasurer, S. B. Rose; auditor, W. Pfotenbauer; and C. M. Cooke, G. C. Beckley and J. M. Dowsett, directors. The new members elected were Dowsett, Cooke and Smith, the latter succeeding C. L. Wight. The election today resulted in a majority of the old directors being re-elected, while the new trio elected on the board represent the new interests that control the company. There was no discussion of the proposition of merging interests with the Inter-Island company as that matter will be determined later. The directors will call a meeting next week and a conference with a committee from the Inter-Island Company will be held and the details of effecting the consolidation of interests be discussed. Efforts are certainly to be made to looking to some sort of merging of interests of the two companies.

While nothing was said at the meeting this morning to indicate that there might be any attempt made by minority stockholders of the Wilder Company, to prevent a merging of interests of the concerns, still there is already not a little dissatisfaction developing and some of the minority stockholders are getting uneasy. In fact many of them want to know just where they are "at." R. W. Breckons, the United States District Attorney, was present at the meeting this morning. He did not attend in his official capacity but merely was present as a stockholder, naturally more or less interested in developments. He is probably as well posted as any body in the Territory regarding the United States laws on the merging of interests and he intends to follow the developments for the purpose of determining whether there be any infringement of the laws governing trusts.

There is a possibility that there may result from this merger some legal steps to determine the rights of minority stockholders. It is understood that this matter has never been definitely settled in this Territory and unless the minority stockholders of the two companies are given satisfactory assurances that they will be given fair treatment under the new deal, the present kicks may take the form of legal action looking to the protection of minority stockholders.

KUHIO TO LAUKEA

ATTORNEYS FOR THE CONTESTANT FOR THE OFFICE OF DELEGATE TO CONGRESS ARE THIS MORNING SERVED WITH THE ANSWER OF THE SITTING MEMBER—FORMAL MATTERS ARE ADMITTED—THE VITAL MATTERS ARE DENIED.

Delegate Kalaniana'ole has made his answer to the contest of his election by Curtis P. Laukea. Service was made on the attorneys for Laukea, E. M. Watson and Judge Galbraith this morning. The answer admits all the formal statements about the general election and other merely formal matters, but denies that the ballots were illegal, or that voters were intimidated either by government officials or corporations or their agents or that government road employees were organized into political clubs by officials in authority over them, and so goes on through the whole complaint admitting and denying. For further answer the delegate says:

And further answering to Notice herein, contestee alleges, as follows, to wit:

1. That the election referred to in said Notice was duly held, and was fairly and legally conducted throughout the Territory.
2. That in the course of the campaign certain members of the regular precinct organizations formed themselves into political clubs for the purpose of joining in and making a display at certain processions, which were held during the campaign; that such clubs were voluntary organizations, and were in no way connected with the public service, or with the officials

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Japanese Retreat Five Miles

(Associated Press Cable to The Star).

MUKDEN, Jan. 28.—The Japanese forces have retreated five miles after suffering heavy losses from the attacks of the Russians.

TO HELP PHILIPPINE SUGAR.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 28.—Secretary of War Taft today appeared before the House Committee on Ways and Means and argued in favor of a bill reducing the duty on Philippine sugar.

HEAVY RUSSIAN LOSSES AT SANDE PASS.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 28.—The Russians lost 45 officers and 1,000 men in killed and wounded in their attack on Sande Pass which was captured from the Japanese after a desperate fight. The Russians took 102 Japanese prisoners and a quantity of arms, wagons and ammunition.

JAPS CAPTURE CONTRABAND CARGO.

TOKIO, Jan. 28.—The Japanese cruisers have captured the steamer M. S. Dollar loaded with contraband cargo for Vladivostok.

STRIKE SPREADS TO POLAND.

WARSAW, Jan. 28.—The strikers in this city number 100,000 and a similar number at Lodz are idle. At Moscow the strikers number 20,000.

GRAND JURY WOULD NOT ACT

Alleged Confession Made by Geneau to a Reporter Was Turned Down Yesterday.

The Grand Jury took prompt action yesterday afternoon with the alleged statement said to have been made by Geneau, the sailor accused of the murder of "Useless" Harris, to Kinney, a Bulletin reporter. Kinney appeared before the Grand Jury and told his story but could not explain how it was that he did not remember that Geneau had made this statement until after the trial was all over.

The Grand Jury then took but a few minutes to decide that it would do nothing on such testimony.

High Sheriff Henry, who was seen this morning, strongly deprecated the reopening of the case at all. He had seen the Attorney General, he said, and had expressed the same sentiment to him. Even if Geneau were to be re-arrested on a charge of perjury it would simply be a case of one man's word against another's. Personally the High Sheriff thought Geneau to be a truthful man.

There was a rumor current this morning that failing the consent of the Grand Jury to indict, the department would take steps to have a warrant sworn out for his arrest in any event and failing to secure a conviction, that the affidavit of Kinney, the Bulletin confessor, would be sent on to the Navy Department in order to wreck Geneau's chances of getting back into the Navy. Indignation over any such action would unquestionably be general.

GEAR MAY TRY PARKER CASE

Supreme Court Denies the Writ of Prohibition Asked For by A. W. Carter as Guardian.

The Supreme Court this morning handed down its decision in the application of A. W. Carter, guardian of the property of Annie T. K. Parker, for a writ of prohibition against Judge Gear to prevent his further trying the case and against J. S. Low as next friend of the minor.

It decides against the application, denying the permanent writ and dissolving the temporary writ.

The case was argued before Chief Justice Frear, Justice Hatch and Judge De Bolt, the former writing the decision. The syllabus is as follows:

Circuit court or judge—case pending before which.

Under the circumstances set forth in the opinion, it is held that a proceeding for the removal of a guardian was brought and pending before the circuit judge at chambers and not before the circuit court, although some of the papers were endorsed in the circuit court.

Circuit judge—Power to enjoin proceedings before another circuit judge.

A circuit judge at chambers in probate is not absolutely without power to restrain a guardian in a guardianship matter pending before him from procuring a hearing on the merits of a suit for partition begun by the guardian on behalf of his ward before another circuit judge pending proceedings for the removal of the guardian before the judge issuing the restraining order. A writ of prohibition against further proceedings under the restraining order and to annul that order is denied.

GOVERNOR CARTER AND JUDGE HATCH.

Says That the Territory Suffers a Big Loss in His Retirement—No Successor Recommended.

"I think that the resignation of Justice Hatch is a great loss to the Territory," remarked Governor Carter this morning. "His legal attainments are great and his services have been invaluable. I have not yet recommended any one to succeed him. There are many able lawyers here but it requires a particular type of mind for a man to make a good judge. As I understand it, Justice Hatch's resignation is a tentative one to take effect on the appointment of his successor, in any event a Circuit Judge can sit on the Supreme bench in the meantime so that there need be no interruption of business."

DIVIDEND FOR KIHEI

STATEMENT MADE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS THAT IF PRESENT ESTIMATES OF CROP AND EXPECTATIONS OF PRICE ARE REALIZED, DIVIDEND OF ONE DOLLAR A SHARE MAY BE PAID.

A dividend of one dollar a share will probably be paid on the stock of the Kihei Plantation Company in the latter part of the year.

This was the announcement made at the annual meeting of the stockholders of Kihei plantation which was held this morning at the offices of Alexander & Baldwin in the Stangenwald building. The announcement was made contingent on the present estimates of crop and the present ex-

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MRS. PARMENTER ON THE STAND

TELLS OF THE AWFUL EVENTS ON THE NIGHT THAT EDWARD M. JONES SHOT AND KILLED WIFE AND MOTHER-IN-LAW—THE DEFENCE OBJECTS TO EVIDENCE AS TO THE MOTHER-IN-LAW'S DEATH AND IS OVERRULED.

After more than a day of preliminary work Deputy Attorney General Peters got down to the time of the actual shooting in the Jones murder trial this morning, his witness being Mrs. Marcus Parmenter, a daughter-in-law of the Mrs. Parmenter who was one of the victims and who was present in the house on the night of the awful tragedy.

After the evidence of Kanakanui, the surveyor who prepared the plan of the house, had been finished, Mrs. Parmenter was called. She was first thoroughly examined as to the plan and was asked to identify every door,

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WILL KEEP MARINE GUARD AT MIDWAY

ORDERS RECEIVED AT LOCAL STATION TO SEND THE REMAINDER OF SUPPLIES TO GUARD AT CABLE STATION.

Evidently the Navy Department intends to keep a quarantine guard permanently at Midway. Orders were received at the Naval Station by mail today to send the remainder of the supplies on hand for the marine guard to that island. Some of the supplies that should have been sent by the steamer Iwawani had to be left behind owing to there being not enough room aboard the steamer to take them.

It had been expected that the guard would leave Midway as soon as the contractors had completed work but evidently the guard is to be kept at Midway after the contractors force leaves the island. The guns left at Midway by the cruiser New Orleans, will probably be installed at Midway. The supplies will probably be sent out by the next steamer that is to be chartered to go after the work force at Midway. In case such a steamer should not be sent out the U. S. S. Iroquois may have to make the trip.

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TRAINED DOG THIEF IN TOWN

WILLIAM YOUNG DISCOVERED THE DOG IN ACT OF DELIVERING STOLEN LOAF TO MASTER.

A peculiar kind of thief was tracked to earth this morning in Palama by William Young a well known printer. For weeks past Young has been missing his bread every morning. He ordered bread and claims to have always paid for it but the bread was never found at his door step. He decided that some person must be systematically stealing the bread. He watched for a number of morning and finally today about daybreak, was summoned by a cry of his Chinese chef to catch the thief.

Young rushed out expecting to have to cope with a big ruffian but instead of seeing a man carrying away the bread, a big black dog was found to be the thief. Young gave chase. The dog ran to a Porto Rican man, deposited the bread at the feet of the man and the pair rushed away. The dog had evidently been regularly trained by the Porto Rican to steal bread and had been literally taking the bread out of the mouth of Young's family.

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